Thursday, August 5, 2010

Police   **Item No. 14**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20090914-003 to appropriate $3,500,000 for the digital vehicular video system project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $3,500,000 is available from a reimbursement resolution. Related to Items #6, 13, 20, 21, and 22.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This action appropriates $3,500,000 for phase I of the digital vehicular video (DVV) system project. There are related agenda items for consideration by Council.

The Digital Vehicular Video System will provide a fully-integrated, solid state system for digital video and audio capture, storage, transfer, and video management an the archival of recorded files on high capacity secure digital memory cards or solid state hard drives. In addition, file transmission will take place via wireless networks and vehicles will have a minimum of two cameras that can be recorded and viewed simultaneously. Further features include low light technology for viewing in darkness, wireless microphone with high quality audio at a minimum of 1,000 feet from the receiver, and action-based triggers (light bar, sirens, crash sensor, doors, etc.).

This budget amendment provides the necessary funding for materials and staff services required for implementation, as well as the various contracts with outside consultants and vendors. The related agenda items for consideration provide for Phase I of the equipment, installation, and integration of the DVV system. Phase I includes implementing the video solution in 43 police vehicles.

Upon successful technical implementation of Phase I, a full roll-out to additional patrol cars and motorcycles will begin (Phase II). Staff will return to Council at that time to request additional project funding.